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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT PASSES BILL ON REGIONAL POLICY FINANCING

REF: STOCKHOLM A1513 DEC 22, 1972

1. PARLIAMENT APPROVED GOVERNMENT BILL MAY 28 FOR FINANCING REGIONAL POLICY MEASURES AFTER DEFEATING OPPOSITION COUNTER-PROPOSALS. SOME \$500 MILLION WILL BE SPENT OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS ON INDUSTRIAL RELOCATION, RETRAINING AND EDUCATION OF EMPLOYEES, SPECIAL SUPPORT TO BUSINESSES IN SPARSELY POPULATED AREAS AND OTHER MEASURES KEYED TOWARDS SWEDEN'S DEPRESSED AREAS.

2. OPPOSITION SPOKESMEN ATTACKED BILL BUT UNABLE TO PRESENT JOINT ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM. CENTER LEADER FALLDIN CALLED FOR LARGER EXPENDITURES, WITH THESE DIRECTED TO SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES. MODERATE LEADER BOHMAN CLAIMED GOVERNMENT GRANTS TO INDUSTRY HAVE NOT STOPPED DEPOPULATION OF DEPRESSED AREAS AND CALLED FOR BETTER BUSINESS CLIMATE IF REGIONAL POLICY IS TO SUCCEED.

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3. ALTHOUGH COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PROGRAM APPROVED LAST FALL (SEE REPAIR), THIS BILL MERELY PROVIDES FUNDING FOR CURRENT PROGRAMS. DECENTRALIZATION AND REGIONAL POLICY HAVE BEEN MAIN PLANKS IN CENTER PARTY PLATFORMS RECENT YEARS, BUT DEBATE ON CURRENT FINANCING PROPOSAL SAW POSITIONS REHASHED AND GAVE GOS OPPORTUNITY AGAIN TO TAUNT FALLDIN OVER FAILURE OF OTHER NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES TO BACK CENTER COUNTER- SCHEME.

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